

Region VI RICC Meeting

South Central Human Service Center

September 17, 2007

Present:	Linda Heinrich	Keith Gustafson
	Lisa Martens	Tim Huseth
	Rhoda Young	Marcia Schneider
	Cindie Richman	Tammy Hoggarth
	Donene Feist	

Report from Core Group

1. Family Service Survey results: We went over the past enrollments in SCR KIDS to see the progression to where enrollments are at now:

May, 2006	48 kids enrolled in SCR KIDS
September, 2007	84 kids " "

After some discussion, group agreed that this large increase is directly related to the increase in Right Tracks screenings.

Other comments shared by the group were that Right Tracks recently received a referral from a physician and that Dr. Quanrud was present at an IFSP. It is nice to see the medical community becoming more involved. Dickey-LaMoure reports that there are still several kids entering Part B services that were not in Part C services.

We then went over the family survey. The group thought it would be nice if there was a place on the survey where the family could indicate how long they had been in Part C. Length of time in the program may have an impact on the responses.

2. Transition Experienced Parent:

Linda questioned how this program was going, as she hasn't received any request for payment for these services. Dickey-LaMoure shared that their TEP is on board, but that the need has not come up yet where they needed to utilize her services.

Sheyenne Valley's TEP is also on board, though now one knows what was going on in their situation. Rhoda Young also shared that Buffalo Valley's TEP had quit. There seemed to be some lack of communication on this, so it will have to be looked into further.

Donene Feist of Family Voices shared that they are finding that families are looking for someone to be available to visit with once their children start school.

Decisions made were:

- We will keep the program going for another year.
- Special Education Units without a Transition Experienced Parent may use the ones already on board, or the Region 6 EP, Marcia Schneider.

Marcia mentioned that in Region 3 she had, over time, put together a list of the transition activities available in each of the communities throughout the region for Early Intervention staff to use when discussing transition options with families and when including transition activities into the IFSP's. She wondered if it would be something to do in Region 6 also. Cindie asked Marcia to share what info she already had and Cindie will brainstorm with EI staff to add to the list. The staff will continue to add things as they become aware of them.

3. CHILD FIND activities:

There are still many children who are coming into Part B that haven't gone through Part C. There was group discussion about how we can inform more families. The WIC Programs and daycare providers are potential referral sources of children. Though they have been inserviced in the past, Cindie will get some refresher information out to them.

4. Committee membership:

Donene Feist of Family Voices was invited to join the RICC. She is always an excellent source of information on a variety of topics and will be a real asset. There was discussion about parent membership on the committee. We have a couple of parent members who may not be able to continue on. Marcia asked for clarification on payment of a stipend available for parents who attend the RICC meetings, as this will impact their decision to be involved

if we need to recruit new parents. Linda will check with these parents to see the status of their membership. To make better use of everyone's time, we revisited the previous discussion about having our meetings available to attend on polycom. Linda and Rhoda Young said they would check into the possibility and cost of being able to do this.

5. Transition Activities/Summer meetings:

Results of Transition Training follow-up meeting held in mid-May: The biggest concern seems to be that many 2.7 meetings should be in the summer. As many staff are not on contract in the summer months, they have been doing them at 2.5. It's hard to know at 2.5 how a child will be doing at 3.0 years. Several Special Education Directors are looking into options for ways to complete summer meetings, so Early Intervention staff will need to work with each special education director on this as the need for summer transition meetings arise.

The next Region 6 RICC meeting will be: **NOVEMBER 19, 2007 at the SCHSC.**
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